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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON SOMALIA ON MARCH 9

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN MARCH 9 DEALING WITH THE SOMALI/ ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT AND PRESIDENT SIAD'S AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW HIS FORCES FROM THE OGADEN:

BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE ANOTHER STATEMENT TO MAKE. LAST NIGHT, I WAS INFORMED BY PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE OF SOMALIA THAT HE WAS AGREEING TO WITHDRAW HIS FORCES FROM THE OGADEN AREA, THE OCCUPIED AREAS OF ETHIOPIA, AND JUST THE LAST FEW MINUTES, HE CONFIRMED THIS COMMITMENT TO ME WITH A PUBLIC STATEMENT.

I WELCOME PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS DECISION. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT THIS DECISION WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE HALT OF THE BLOODSHED IN THAT AREA OF THE HORN OF AFRICA. WE HOPE THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY CAN MOVE QUICKLY TO ASSIST ALL PARTIES TO TERMINATE HOSTILITIES, TO AGREE QUICKLY ON RULES THAT CAN BE OBSERVED SO THAT SOMALIAN FORCES CAN RETIRE

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RAPIDLY INTO THEIR OWN TERRITORY AND TO ENSURE THAT PEACEFUL CONDITIONS ARE RESTORED AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.

AS SOON AS SOMALIA FORCES HAVE WITHDRAWN COMPLETELY, AND AS SOON AS ETHIOPIAN FORCES HAVE REESTABLISHED CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN TERRITORY, WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOVIET AND CUBAN COMBAT PRESENCE SHOULD BEGIN.

THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM THE TWO COUNTRIES, ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA, AT AN EARLY DATE. WE STAND READY TO ASSIST THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN WORKING OUT THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA WHICH WOULD ENSURE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AND THE HONORING OF INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, DOES THAT SOMALIA ANNOUNCEMENT CAUSE YOU TO LOOK ANY MORE FAVORABLY ON SOMALI REQUESTS FOR AMERICAN ARMS, ASSUMING THEY GO THROUGH WITH IT?

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THE PRESIDENT: WE NOTIFIED SOMALIA MANY MONTHS AGO THAT AS LONG AS THEY WERE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY, THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CONSIDERATION ON OUR PART FOR DEFENSIVE ARMS OF ANY KIND. I THINK IT WOULD REQUIRE A TANGIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF THE CARRYING OUT OF THIS COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE SOMALIANS AND ALSO A RENEWED COMMITMENT NOT TO DISHONOR THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES OF EITHER ETHIOPIA OR KENYA BEFORE WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH THEM ECONOMIC AID OR DEFENSIVE ARMS SUPPLIES.

IN THIS CASE, WORKING WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE CONGRESS, WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS IN A ROUTINE MANNER, BUT NOT UNTIL. END TEXT.

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